

# AUTO CR - LOG SUMMARY #1049702

TYPE: CR

## Incident Finding / Overall Case Finding

Description of Incident	Finding	Entered By	Entered Date
	(None Entered)		

## Reporting Party Information

Role	Name	Star No.	Emp No.	UOA / UOD	Position	Sex	Race	Address	Phone
NON-CPD Reporting Party Third Party	[REDACTED]					M	U	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

## Incident Information

Incident From Date/Time	Address of Incident	Beat	Dist. Of Occurrence	Location Code	Location Description
06-SEP-2010 12:00 - 06-SEP-2010 12:00	[REDACTED]	2211	022	290 - RESIDENCE	

## Accused Members

Role	Name	Star No.	Emp No.	UOA / UOD	Position	Status	Initial / Intake Allegation
CPD Employee Accused	CLIFTON, MICHAEL	[REDACTED]		005 /	POLICE OFFICER	ON Duty	It is reported that the accused officer failed to notify the plaintiff about his court date and as a result charges were dismissed.
CPD Employee Accused	SPAGNOLA, PAUL	[REDACTED]		620 /	PO AS DETECTIVE	ON Duty	It is reported that the accused officer investigated the scene and completed a police report, RD# [REDACTED]. It is reported that the accused officer acknowledged that a citizen provided information; however, the accused officer failed to include this person as a witness or provide the citizen's name. There was a supplementary report done on 08 September 2010, by P.O. M. Gainer, #1207. This report identifies two witnesses that spoke to Cotton on 06 September 2011, at the scene. The accused officer did not investigate this matter any further.
CPD Employee Accused	COTTON, LINDA	[REDACTED]		022 /	POLICE OFFICER	ON Duty	It is reported that the accused officer investigated the scene and completed a police report, RD# [REDACTED]. It is reported that the accused officer acknowledged that a citizen provided information; however, the accused officers failed to include this person as a witness or provide the citizen's name. There was a supplementary report done on 08 September 2010, by P.O. M. Gainer, #1207. This report identifies two witnesses that spoke to Cotton on 06 September 2011, at the scene. The accused officer did not investigate this matter any further.

## Other Involved Parties

Role	Name	Star No.	Emp No.	UOA / UOD	Position	Sex	Race	Address	Phone
NON-CPD Victim/Subject	[REDACTED]					M	U	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NON-CPD Witness	[REDACTED]					M	U	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NON-CPD Witness	[REDACTED]					M	U	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NON-CPD Witness	[REDACTED]					F	U	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

## Involved Party Associations

Role	Rep. Party Name	Related Person	Relationship
Reporting Party Third Party	[REDACTED]	COTTON, LINDA	NO RELATIONSHIP

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Reporting Party Third Party	[REDACTED]		OTHER
Reporting Party Third Party	[REDACTED]		OTHER
Reporting Party Third Party	[REDACTED]	CLIFTON, MICHAEL	NO RELATIONSHIP
Reporting Party Third Party	[REDACTED]		NO RELATIONSHIP
Reporting Party Third Party	[REDACTED]		NO RELATIONSHIP
Reporting Party Third Party	[REDACTED]	CLIFTON, MICHAEL	NO RELATIONSHIP
Reporting Party Third Party	[REDACTED]		NO RELATIONSHIP

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Confidential?		Biased Language?	N
Extraordinary Occurrence?	N	Bias Based Profiling?	N
Police Shooting (U)?	N	Alcohol Related?	N
Non Disciplinary Intervention:	N	Pursuit Related?	N
Initial Assignment:	IAD	Violence in Workplace?	N
Notify IAD Immediately?	N	Domestic Violence?	N
EEO Complaint No.:			
Civil Suit No.:	11C6865	Civil Suit Settled Date:	
Notify Chief Administator?	N	Notify Chief?	
Notify Coordinator?		Notification Does Not Apply?	Y
Notification Other?	N		
Notification Comments:			

## Incident Category List

Incident Category	Primary?	Initial?
10U - GROUP 10 - OPERATION/PERSONNEL VIOLATIONS (ON DUTY) INADEQUATE / FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE	Y	Y
10U - GROUP 10 - OPERATION/PERSONNEL VIOLATIONS (ON DUTY) INADEQUATE / FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE	Y	N

## Investigator History

Investigator	Type	Assigned Team	Assigned Date	Scheduled End Date	Investigation End Date	No. of Days
TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	Primary	GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION	04-NOV-2011	02-APR-2012	28-MAR-2012	145
PIONKE, JOSEPH	Supervisor	GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION	04-NOV-2011	04-DEC-2011	28-MAR-2012	

## Extension History

Name	Previous Scheduled End Date	Extended Scheduled End Date	Date Certified Letter Sent	Reason Selected	Explanation	Extension Report Date	Approved By	Approved Date	Approval Comments
TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	03-MAR-2012	02-APR-2012		OTHER (DESCRIBE)	additional accused identified. Sending out accused to/from request.	08-MAR-2012	PIONKE, JOSEPH	09-MAR-2012	ok
TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	02-FEB-2012	03-MAR-2012		COMPLAINANT /WTNESS UNAVAIL. FOR INTERVIEW (NAME, REASON)	cert letters mailed to witnesses. neither has contacted R/I. Will interview accused.	14-FEB-2012	PIONKE, JOSEPH	15-FEB-2012	ok
TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	03-JAN-2012	02-FEB-2012		OTHER (DESCRIBE)	Contacting several witnesses for interview	11-JAN-2012	PIONKE, JOSEPH	12-JAN-2012	ok
TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	04-DEC-2011	03-JAN-2012		OTHER (DESCRIBE)	Additional work required. Victim/Complainant scheduled for interview on 21 December 2011.	05-DEC-2011	PIONKE, JOSEPH	06-DEC-2011	ok

## Current Allegations

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Accused Name	Seq. No.	Allegation	Category	Subcategory	Finding
COTTON, LINDA	1	The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 06 September 2010, at approximately 0000 hrs, at [REDACTED], the accused officer failed to include witness information on a case report during the reporting of a battery committed against the complainant.	10T IAD SUBCODE 10T	IMPROPER	EXONERATED
COTTON, LINDA	2	The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 06 September 2010, at approximately 0000 hrs, at [REDACTED], the accused officer failed to include witness information on a case report because of a witness' and offender's relationship with former and current police officers.	010 GROUP 10 - OPERATION/PERSONNEL VIOLATIONS (ON DUTY)	MISCELLANEOUS	UNFOUNDED
SPAGNOLA, PAUL	1	the complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that during an unknown time and location, but during the conduct of the investigation recorded under RD # [REDACTED], the accused officer failed to investigate the battery committed against the complainant.	010 GROUP 10 - OPERATION/PERSONNEL VIOLATIONS (ON DUTY)	INADEQUATE / FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE	EXONERATED
CLIFTON, MICHAEL	1	The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 06 December 2010, at an unknown time, at the 005th District, the accused officer failed to inform the complainant of the complainant's court date regarding an incident recorded under [REDACTED]	010 GROUP 10 - OPERATION/PERSONNEL VIOLATIONS (ON DUTY)	INADEQUATE / FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE	EXONERATED

## Situations (Allegation Details)

Accused Name	Alleg. No.	Situation	Victim/Offender Armed?	Weapon Types	Weapon Other	Weapon Recovered?	Deceased?
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## Status History

Resulting Status	Status Date/Time	Created By	Position	UOA / UOD	Comments
CLOSED/FINAL	08-MAY-2012 03:29	SPARKS, SHERELL	POLICE AGENT	121 /	
PENDING IMPLEMENT ACTION	08-MAY-2012 10:40	SPARKS, SHERELL	POLICE AGENT	121 /	
PENDING REVIEW AFTER COMMAND CHANNEL (I.A.D.)	04-MAY-2012 03:36	MURPHY, BRIAN	CHIEF	130 /	
PENDING COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	23-APR-2012 10:54	GULLIFORD, WAYNE	DEP CHIEF	142 / 212	
PENDING COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	20-APR-2012 06:24	WALSH, PATRICIA	COMMANDER	005 /	
PENDING COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	13-APR-2012 12:42	ANDREWS, CONSTANTI	DEP CHIEF	180 /	
PENDING COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	11-APR-2012 12:15	GREEN, WALTER	COMMANDER	015 / 620	
PENDING COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	11-APR-2012 10:42	SHEAR, MARVIN	DEP CHIEF	120 /	
PENDING COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	11-APR-2012 08:11	ROWAN, JAMES	SERGEANT OF POLICE	121 /	
PENDING ADVOCATE REVIEW	10-APR-2012 11:34	SPARKS, SHERELL	POLICE AGENT	121 /	
PENDING REVIEW INCIDENT (I.A.D./DISTRICT USE)	29-MAR-2012 07:06	PIONKE, JOSEPH	SERGEANT OF POLICE	121 /	
PENDING LIEUTENANT REVIEW	29-MAR-2012 07:04	PIONKE, JOSEPH	SERGEANT OF POLICE	121 /	
PENDING INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW	28-MAR-2012 09:58	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	POLICE OFFICER	121 /	
PENDING INVESTIGATION	04-NOV-2011 08:55	ASSAF, MAJED	SERGEANT OF POLICE	121 /	
PENDING ASSIGN INVESTIGATOR	01-NOV-2011 11:32	CLARK, SUSAN	LIEUTENANT OF POLICE	121 /	IPRA to forward civil suit.
PENDING APPROVE TEAM	01-NOV-2011 08:12	DEL RIVERO, MINERVA	POLICE OFFICER	121 /	
PENDING ASSIGN TEAM	31-OCT-2011 07:13	DEAN, BRUCE	SUPERVISING INV COPA	113 /	
PENDING SUPERVISOR REVIEW	31-OCT-2011 07:13	DEAN, BRUCE	SUPERVISING INV COPA	113 /	
PRELIMINARY	31-OCT-2011 07:13	DEAN, BRUCE	SUPERVISING INV COPA	113 /	
PRELIMINARY	31-OCT-2011 07:11	DEAN, BRUCE	SUPERVISING INV COPA	113 /	edit
PENDING SUPERVISOR REVIEW	31-OCT-2011 07:05	DOUGLAS, KHRYSTL	INTAKE AIDE		
PRELIMINARY	31-OCT-2011 06:48	DEAN, BRUCE	SUPERVISING INV COPA	113 /	
PRELIMINARY	31-OCT-2011 03:13	DOUGLAS, KHRYSTL	INTAKE AIDE		

## Attachments

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No.	Type	Related Person	No. of Pages	Narrative	Original in File	Entered By	Entered Date/Time	Status	Approve Content	Approve Inclusion
1	FACE SHEET					DOUGLAS, KHYRSTL	31-OCT-2011 03:13			
1	INVESTIGATION					TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	07-NOV-2011 11:31			
2	CONFLICT CERTIFICATION					TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	07-NOV-2011 11:31			
3	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		1		Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	11-JAN-2012 11:20	APPROVED		
4	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		2	Certified Letter	Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	08-NOV-2011 12:00	APPROVED		
5	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		1		Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	12-DEC-2011 10:50	APPROVED		
6	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		10		Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	11-JAN-2012 11:25	APPROVED		
7	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		1		Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	25-JAN-2012 07:10	APPROVED		
8	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		1	Certified Letter [REDACTED]	Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	25-JAN-2012 07:35	APPROVED		
9	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		1	Certified Letter [REDACTED]	Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	25-JAN-2012 07:36	APPROVED		
10	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		1	Certified Mail Receipt [REDACTED]	Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	26-MAR-2012 10:30	APPROVED		
11	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		1	Certified Mail/Domestic Return Receipts	Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	26-MAR-2012 10:31	APPROVED		
12	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		1	Certified Mail/domestic Return Receipts [REDACTED]	Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	26-MAR-2012 10:32	APPROVED		
13	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		2		Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	26-MAR-2012 10:33	APPROVED		
14	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		2		Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	26-MAR-2012 10:33	APPROVED		
15	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		2	Special Order 97-7	Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	26-MAR-2012 10:34	APPROVED		
16	ACCUSED NOTIFICATION OF ALLEGATIONS	ACCUSED - CLIFTON, MICHAEL				TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	08-MAR-2012 11:08	PENDING ACCUSED REPORT		
17	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		6	P.O. CLIFTON	Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	26-MAR-2012 10:35	APPROVED		
	DOCUMENTS - INVESTIGATION		9	Closing Package	Y	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	28-MAR-2012 09:56	APPROVED		

## Review Incident

Review Type	Accused/Involved Member Name	Result Type	Reviewed By	Position	Unit	Review Date	Remarks
ASSISTANT ADVOCATE REVIEW	CLIFTON, MICHAEL	SUBMITTED	SPARKS, SHERELL	SERGEANT OF POLICE	006	08-MAY-2012 10:40	CCR concurred with findings. CTR
ASSISTANT ADVOCATE REVIEW	SPAGNOLA, PAUL	SUBMITTED	SPARKS, SHERELL	SERGEANT OF POLICE	006	08-MAY-2012 10:40	CCR concurred with findings. CTR
ASSISTANT ADVOCATE REVIEW	COTTON, LINDA	SUBMITTED	SPARKS, SHERELL	SERGEANT OF POLICE	006	08-MAY-2012 10:40	CCR concurred with findings. CTR
ASSISTANT ADVOCATE REVIEW		SUBMITTED	SPARKS, SHERELL	SERGEANT OF POLICE	006	10-APR-2012 11:34	Ready for CCR. To Advocate for review & forward onto CCR. Investigator reported that Det. Spagnola retired prior to the initiation of the investigation.
LIEUTENANT REVIEW		SUBMITTED	PIONKE, JOSEPH	SERGEANT OF POLICE	022	29-MAR-2012 07:06	
SERGEANT REVIEW		SUBMITTED	PIONKE, JOSEPH	SERGEANT OF POLICE	022	29-MAR-2012 07:04	

## Review Accused

Review Type	Accused/Involved Member Name	Result Type	Reviewed By	Position	Unit	Review Date	Remarks
ADVOCATE OFFICE CLOSING STEPS	SPAGNOLA, PAUL	SUBMITTED	SPARKS, SHERELL	SERGEANT OF POLICE	006	08-MAY-2012 03:29	CTR
ADVOCATE OFFICE CLOSING STEPS	COTTON, LINDA	SUBMITTED	SPARKS, SHERELL	SERGEANT OF POLICE	006	08-MAY-2012 03:28	CTR
ADVOCATE OFFICE CLOSING STEPS	CLIFTON, MICHAEL	SUBMITTED	SPARKS, SHERELL	SERGEANT OF POLICE	006	08-MAY-2012 03:07	CTR
COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	COTTON, LINDA	SUBMITTED	MURPHY, BRIAN	CHIEF	130	04-MAY-2012 03:36	
COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	CLIFTON, MICHAEL	SUBMITTED	GULLIFORD, WAYNE	LIEUTENANT OF POLICE	142	23-APR-2012 10:54	
COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	CLIFTON, MICHAEL	SUBMITTED	WALSH, PATRICIA	DEP CHIEF	212	20-APR-2012 06:24	
COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	SPAGNOLA, PAUL	SUBMITTED	ANDREWS, CONSTANTI	CHIEF	180	13-APR-2012 12:42	
COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	SPAGNOLA, PAUL	SUBMITTED	GREEN, WALTER	COMMANDER	620	11-APR-2012 12:15	

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COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	COTTON, LINDA	SUBMITTED	SHEAR, MARVIN	DEP CHIEF	120	11-APR-2012 10:42	
ADVOCATE REVIEW	COTTON, LINDA	SUBMITTED	ROWAN, JAMES	SERGEANT OF POLICE	121	11-APR-2012 08:11	
ADVOCATE REVIEW	SPAGNOLA, PAUL	SUBMITTED	ROWAN, JAMES	SERGEANT OF POLICE	121	11-APR-2012 08:11	
ADVOCATE REVIEW	CLIFTON, MICHAEL	SUBMITTED	ROWAN, JAMES	SERGEANT OF POLICE	121	11-APR-2012 08:11	

## Accused Finding History

Accused	Allegation	Reviewed By	Reviewed Date/Time	CCR?	Concur?	Finding	Finding Comments
COTTON, LINDA	1. The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 0...	MURPHY, BRIAN	04-MAY-2012 03:36	Y	Y	EXONERATED	
COTTON, LINDA	2. The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 0...	MURPHY, BRIAN	04-MAY-2012 03:36	Y	Y	UNFOUNDED	
CLIFTON, MICHAEL	1. The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 0...	GULLIFORD, WAYNE	23-APR-2012 10:54	Y	Y	EXONERATED	
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COTTON, LINDA	2. The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 0...	SHEAR, MARVIN	11-APR-2012 10:42	Y	Y	UNFOUNDED	
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COTTON, LINDA	1. The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 0...	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	28-MAR-2012 09:58			EXONERATED	
COTTON, LINDA	2. The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 0...	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	28-MAR-2012 09:58			UNFOUNDED	
SPAGNOLA, PAUL	1. the complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that during an unknow...	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	28-MAR-2012 09:58			EXONERATED	
CLIFTON, MICHAEL	1. The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that at on or about 0...	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	28-MAR-2012 09:58			EXONERATED	

## Accused Penalty History

Accused	Reviewed By	Reviewed Date/Time	CCR?	Concur?	Penalty	Penalty Comments

## Findings

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# FACE SHEET (Notification Date: 31-OCT-2011) - LOG #1049702

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Notify Chief Administrator?	N	Notification Does Not Apply?	Y
Notify Coordinator?			
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## Assignment History

Assigned To	Assigned Team	Investigator	Assignment Date/Time	Assigned By	Reason
IAD	GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION	TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH (PRIMARY INV)	04-NOV-2011 08:55	ASSAF, MAJED	
IAD	GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION	PIONKE, JOSEPH (SUPERVISOR)	04-NOV-2011 08:55	ASSAF, MAJED	
IAD	GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION	-	01-NOV-2011 08:12	DEL RIVERO, MINERVA	
IAD	INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION	-	31-OCT-2011 15:13	DOUGLAS, KHRYSTL	

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Location of Incident [REDACTED]	Date 06 September 2010	Time approx 0000 hours
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**Summary of Statement(s):**

This is the statement of complainant, [REDACTED], relative to allegation(s) that 06 September 2010, at approximately 0000 hours, at [REDACTED] the accused officers:

- (1) Failed to include witness information on a case report during the reporting of an incident recorded under RD# [REDACTED]
- (2) Failed to record information on a report because of witness [REDACTED] father in law being a former police officer and offender's, [REDACTED] relationship with a former or current police officer;
- (3) That the accused officer failed to investigate the matter; and
- (4) That the accused officer failed to notify the complainant of his court date.

I, [REDACTED] hereby state as follows:

1. I have read the above summary and/or attached statement(s) in its entirety, reviewed it for accuracy and been given an opportunity to make corrections and additions to the statement(s).
2. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109, I certify that the information set forth in the statement(s) above and/or attached summary are true and correct, except as to any matters therein stated to be on information and belief as to such matters, I certify as aforesaid that I verily believe the same to be true.

[REDACTED]  
Print Affiant's Name

Police Officer Christopher Taliaferro  
[REDACTED]

Print Witness's Name

[REDACTED]  
Affiant's Signature

[REDACTED]  
Witness's Signature

12/21/2011  
Date

12/21/2010  
Date



Department of Police \* City of Chicago  
3510 South Michigan Avenue \* Chicago, Illinois 60653

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Date 11/7/11

Re: C. R. No. 1049702

Dear [REDACTED] re: [REDACTED]

**A complaint against a Department member, registered under the above Complaint Register (C.R.) Number, is currently under investigation by the Chicago Police Department**

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Sincerely,

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Unit 121

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**BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section**

**12 December 2011  
Log #1049702**

TO: Commanding Officer  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section

FROM: Police Officer Christopher TALIAFERRO #14979  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section

SUBJECT: Telephone Contact with 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Complainant [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**ALLEGATIONS:** The complainant, [REDACTED], alleges that on 06 September 2010, at approximately 0000 hours, at [REDACTED] [REDACTED], the accused officers failed to list a witness in a police report.

On 28 November 2011, the undersigned spoke with the complainant, [REDACTED], regarding this investigation. After explaining the investigative procedure and the mandates of §1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned and [REDACTED] scheduled 21 December 2011, at 1600 hours, at which time [REDACTED] who is the legal representative for the victim [REDACTED] will appear at the Internal Affairs Division to provide a statement and sign a sworn affidavit.

*CCF Twp*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Christopher TALIAFERRO #14979

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**Investigations Division**  
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This is the statement of complainant, [REDACTED], relative to allegation(s) that 06 September 2010, at an unknown time, at [REDACTED], the accused officers, failed to include witness information on a case report during the reporting of an incident recorded under RD# [REDACTED]-[REDACTED], and failed to further investigate the incident.

This statement was taken at the Internal Affairs Division, at 3510 S. Michigan Avenue on 21 December 2011, at 1611 hours.

Questioned and typed by:

P.O. Christopher TALIAFERRO #14979  
Bureau of Internal Affairs  
General Investigations Section

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TALIAFERRO: [REDACTED] What is your full name?  
[REDACTED]

TALIAFERRO: [REDACTED] What is your date of birth?  
[REDACTED]

TALIAFERRO: [REDACTED] What is a telephone number where you may be contacted?  
[REDACTED]

TALIAFERRO: [REDACTED] are you represented here today by an attorney and if so, can you identify her by name for the record?  
[REDACTED] Yes, Katie COTTER.

TALIAFERRO: [REDACTED] Before we begin the formal question and answer statement, I am going to show you a document known as a sworn affidavit. Illinois law (50 ILCS 725/3.8) requires that anyone filing a complaint against a sworn peace officer must have the complaint supported by a sworn affidavit. According to Illinois law (735 ILCS 5/1-109), any person who files a false complaint may be subject to criminal charges or a civil suit. Have I explained why a sworn affidavit is required and the legal consequences under Illinois State law??  
[REDACTED] Yes.

TALIAFERRO: [REDACTED] Do you have any questions regarding the sworn affidavit?  
[REDACTED] No.

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TALIAFERRO:

On 06 September 2011, what occurred that prompted you to initiate this complaint?

[REDACTED]:

What happened was, I was at my neighbor's house, which is directly to the south of me. Only the alley separates our two houses. The incident happened on September 5<sup>th</sup>, and carried into September 6<sup>th</sup>. We were at the neighbor's house with some family members. We had some people over and we were wrapping things up and I was helping people clean up. At that time it was my neighbors, [REDACTED], and his brother in law [REDACTED], were cleaning up for the night when an unidentified male came into [REDACTED]' yard. Came into the yard and was just verbally starting a fight. He came into the yard... he entered the yard and started a verbal fight.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Had you ever seen this person?

No.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Do you know [REDACTED] address?

[REDACTED]

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

About what time did this person enter the yard?

Sometime before midnight, between 11 and midnight.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]

Continue?

An unidentified male entered the yard completely unprovoked and started a verbal confrontation. He then exited the yard and began to walk east down the alley north of [REDACTED]. He got approximately 100 yards, turned and continued walking north down the alley between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]

When he left the yard, who followed him?

None of us.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

How did you know the direction in which he took?

When he walked out the yard, the three of us looked at each other in bewilderment. Approximately 5 seconds later we looked out of the alley to see where he had went.

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TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Continue?

We saw the individual stop approximately three houses from where he had turned. We didn't follow the individual. We spotted him because the view from my house and my neighbor's house is clear to the residence he stopped at. When the individual stopped at this residence, the garage in the alley is facing west and was open with approximately 15 individuals occupying and outside of it. The three of us then proceeded over to the residence because the gentleman who owns the residence is an acquaintance of mine.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

What is this gentleman's name?

[REDACTED].

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Do you have address and phone number for him?

I do not have that information.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Can you call me this week with the information?

Hold on I do have his address. [REDACTED]

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Can you call me this week with his phone number?

Yes.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Continue

When we approached the garage, we notified [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that one of his attendees had come onto my neighbor's property and was verbally harassing us. We then returned to the alley between my residence and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. As the three of us were standing in the alley saying goodbye, [REDACTED] walked down to us, to where we were standing and thanked us for acting like "gentlemen" and not notifying the police because his attendees were minors. As he was talking to us, three or four of the individuals walked south down the alley to where they could see us and continued to verbally...started a verbal confrontation. Then they proceeded to walk east down the alley parallel to [REDACTED] and north down [REDACTED]. At this time, I proceeded to walk east down the alley to see where they going or what house they were

Initials [REDACTED]

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entering because I was going to call the police at this point. I proceeded to walk north down [REDACTED] approximately two houses, when I spotted two individuals running between a minivan and a house.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Was there anyone with you?

No

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Where was everyone else?

They were still standing between my house and my neighbors.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Continue?

As I proceeded towards that house to get the address, an individual who was hiding...an individual was sitting behind a corner of a car who got up and then struck me in the face. After the individual struck me in the face, he then came towards me at which time I struck him in the top of the head. While he was running towards me, he called out an unidentified individual's name, which I don't remember. At that point I was holding the individual by the shoulders at about mid chest. I was holding him by the shoulder to stop him, at which time another individual had come out of the driveway and struck me in the forehead. I then fell backwards into the street, which would be the west curb in front of [REDACTED] house. When a third and fourth individual ran from around the side which would be south to north and both kicked me in the head repeatedly. I attempted to get up one more time and was struck in the head again with someone's fist, at which point I fell into the middle of the street and the last thing I remember before being knocked unconscious was someone choking me. Someone had me in a choke hold and another guy was kicking me. The next thing I remember was waking up in the ambulance and being combative with the paramedics because I didn't know where I was and I thought he had his knee in my check, which he didn't. He was just strapping me into a gurney or whatever they call that thing. I have no real recollection of anything else until I woke up in the hospital.

Initial [REDACTED]

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TALIAFERRO: Where were your friends when the beatings occurred?  
[REDACTED]: They were standing between my house and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] house.

TALIAFERRO: Did either come to help you??  
[REDACTED]: They had stood for about two minutes between my house  
and [REDACTED] house. Approximately one to two  
minutes when they heard the commotion.

TALIAFERRO: What did they do after that?  
[REDACTED]: Couldn't tell you?

TALIAFERRO: When you were being beaten, did they arrive on scene?  
[REDACTED]: I was unconscious before...I couldn't remember, I couldn't  
tell you?

TALIAFERRO: Do you know who called the police?  
[REDACTED]: No.

TALIAFERRO: Do you know if the police were called?  
[REDACTED]: Not anything more than the report. The report says they  
were called.

TALIAFERRO: Your allegation indicated that Police Officer Linda  
COTTON #4498 failed to include a witness to the incident.  
[REDACTED]: Why did you make that specific allegation?  
Two witnesses. Because after I returned home from the  
hospital, the witnesses had stated that officer COTTON.

TALIAFERRO: Which witness?  
[REDACTED]: Both.

TALIAFERRO: Continue?  
[REDACTED]: ....had told them to get the fuck out of here or go to jail.

TALIAFERRO: How did you get a copy of her report?  
[REDACTED]: I filed a supplementary report and they gave me the  
original.

TALIAFERRO: Do you know whether Officer COTTON gave a victim

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copy to anyone on the scene?

[REDACTED]: No.

TALIAFERRO: Do you know whether she wrote the report on the scene?  
[REDACTED]: No.

TALIAFERRO: Do you know what the report was for?  
[REDACTED]: Simple battery.

TALIAFERRO: Is there any offenders listed on Officer COTTON'S report?  
[REDACTED]: Not that I am aware of.

TALIAFERRO: Can you tell me why you believe that she did not include  
witnesses on the report?  
[REDACTED]: I don't have a belief, I don't know why she didn't. The only  
thing that I can think of is that [REDACTED] father in  
law lives to the house to the north of him and is a retired  
Chicago Police Officer and the gentleman who struck me  
first, his father is or was a Chicago Police officer, I believe.

TALIAFERRO: You stated that the two witnesses were between your house  
and [REDACTED] house. Did they witness the simple  
battery?  
[REDACTED]: I don't know.

TALIAFERRO: You have also alleged that the accused officer did not  
investigate this matter further. Can you explain your  
allegation?  
[REDACTED]: I attempted to contact Detective SPAGNOLA who is  
assigned to the case for approximately three to four weeks.

TALIAFERRO: When did you do this?  
[REDACTED]: Between....I don't have the date with me right now. I'm  
sorry I do have one of the dates. October 15<sup>th</sup>, I left him a  
message and on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, he called me back.

TALIAFERRO: Continue as to why you believe he did not investigate the  
matter further?  
[REDACTED]: He blatantly told me that they don't investigate simple  
battery.

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TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Did he say anything else?

That if I wanted to file...take this matter further that I would have to go to the Area Two police station and file a warrant for an arrest.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Anything else?

No he didn't tell me anything else.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Did you go to Area Two?

Yes.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Did you file the arrest warrant?

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, yes I did.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Do you have an address and phone number for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]?

Not with me no.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Can you get me this information by the end of the week?

Yes.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

You stated earlier that your friends heard a commotion and after about one or two minutes came to the scene. How did you know this?

That what they told me.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

So, most of your recollection regarding what occurred between the officers on the scene and your friends is from their specific knowledge?

Yes.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]:

Is there anything else?

Yes, after I filed the warrant for the individual's arrest, I was told by Officer CLIFTON, I believe that his name is CLIFTON, that the warrant would take six to eight weeks before I would be notified of a court date. I called Area Two probably four times. I have the dates but I do not have

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them with me today. What I do have with me today is November 23, 3010. I was told by Officer CLIFTON that there was no new information on the warrant that I had filed. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, I called again I was told again by the same person that there was no new information. I was told again that it would take six to eight weeks. And that being that there were two holidays between when I had filed, that it might take longer. Early January 2011, I returned back to Area Two in person to speak to the Warrant Officer and was notified that I had missed the court date and that it was on December 9<sup>th</sup> of 2010. So the charges were dismissed.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]

Who was the Warrant Office that you spoke to?  
Officer CLIFTON.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]

Is there anything else?

Yes, at which time he advised me to see that State's Attorney, Ms. SHIPIRO. When I entered her office, her assistant Jennifer COLEMAN took down my name and number and assured me that Ms. SHIPIRO would contact me about getting the case reinstated. Ms. SHIPIRO returned my call two days later and notified me that the individual had a right to a speedy trial and that the charges were dismissed.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]

You stated that you believe that [REDACTED] father in law was a Chicago Police Officer, Do you have any information to substantiate your belief

His name is [REDACTED] I knew him well.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]

You also stated that [REDACTED] he is deceased. When did he pass?

He passed sometime this summer, I don't remember the exact date.

TALIAFERRO:

[REDACTED]

What information do you have as to your belief regarding the other individual's father is or was a police officer?  
they live on the next block. It's just something I heard from neighbors.

Initial [REDACTED]

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TALIAFERRO: Can you tell me the name of the people who told you?  
[REDACTED]: Yes.

TALIAFERRO: What are they?  
[REDACTED]: I don't see the relevance. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

TALIAFERRO: Do you have any information as to how I can contact the  
[REDACTED]?  
[REDACTED]: Not at this time.

TALIAFERRO: Can you get me this information by the end of this week?  
[REDACTED]: Yes.

TALIAFERRO: Is there anything in specific which makes you believe that  
the witnesses' names were not recorded on the report  
because of a relationship that the offender or [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had with a police officer?  
[REDACTED]: No I wouldn't know anything about that, no.

TALIAFERRO: What makes you allege that specific allegation?  
[REDACTED]  
What would make me allege that she would decline  
witnesses at the scene?

TALIAFERRO: No. your allegation that the declination was because of a  
relationship that [REDACTED] or the offender might have  
had with a former or current police officer.  
[REDACTED]: Because of my belief that [REDACTED] hosted a party  
for minors that he served alcohol to. Then had an incident  
at ... and the responding officer knew [REDACTED] or I  
cannot say that, that's not right... I don't know, fraternal-  
brotherhood. *DB*

TALIAFERRO: Do you know the name of the offender that you believe is  
or was a police officer or may have had a relative who is or  
was a police officer?  
[REDACTED]: The defendant [REDACTED].

TALIAFERRO: What specifically did the [REDACTED] say to you regarding  
Initials: [REDACTED]

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████████: TALIAFERRO:

████████:

████████ had told me that his father was or is. a Police officer

DB

When did he say this?

A few weeks after the incident had occurred.

TALIAFERRO:

Did he say anything else?

No.

TALIAFERRO:

Did ██████████ say anything?

No.

TALIAFERRO:

I will briefly summarize your allegations on the sworn affidavit.

TALIAFERRO:

Do you have anything else that you wish to add or clarify?  
No other than September 6<sup>th</sup> and father in law.

TALIAFERRO:

After reviewing the questions asked and the responses given by you, and upon reading the summary of your allegations, are you prepared to sign the sworn affidavit attesting to the truthfulness of your complaint?

████████:

~~Yeah when you give me the right one.~~

████████

Yes

Time Ended: 1830 hours

████████

CLT Tomy  
Police Officer Christopher TALIAFERRO #14979  
Bureau of Internal Affairs  
General Investigations Section

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**25 January 2012**  
**Log #1049702**

TO: Commanding Officer  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section

FROM: Police Officer Christopher TALIAFERRO #14979  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section

SUBJECT: Failure of complainant, [REDACTED], to Provide Witness  
Contact Information

ALLEGATIONS: The complainant, [REDACTED], alleges that on 06  
September 2010, at approximately 0000 hours, at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], the accused officers failed to list a witness in a police  
report.

On 21 December 2011, the undersigned interviewed the complainant, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at the Bureau of Internal Affairs while in the presence of [REDACTED] attorney  
Katie COTTER. During the interview, [REDACTED] stated that there were witnesses to the  
incident which necessitated his filing his complaint. [REDACTED] stated that he would  
provide contact information for the following individuals, which would assist the  
undersigned in the conduct of this investigation:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED]
- d. [REDACTED]

The undersigned requested that [REDACTED] telephonically provide the aforementioned  
contact information by 23 December 2011.

As of this reporting date, [REDACTED] has refused and/or failed to provide the  
undersigned with the requested contact information.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Christopher TALIAFERRO #14979



Department of Police \* City of Chicago  
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Date 1/25/12

Re: C. R. No. 1049702

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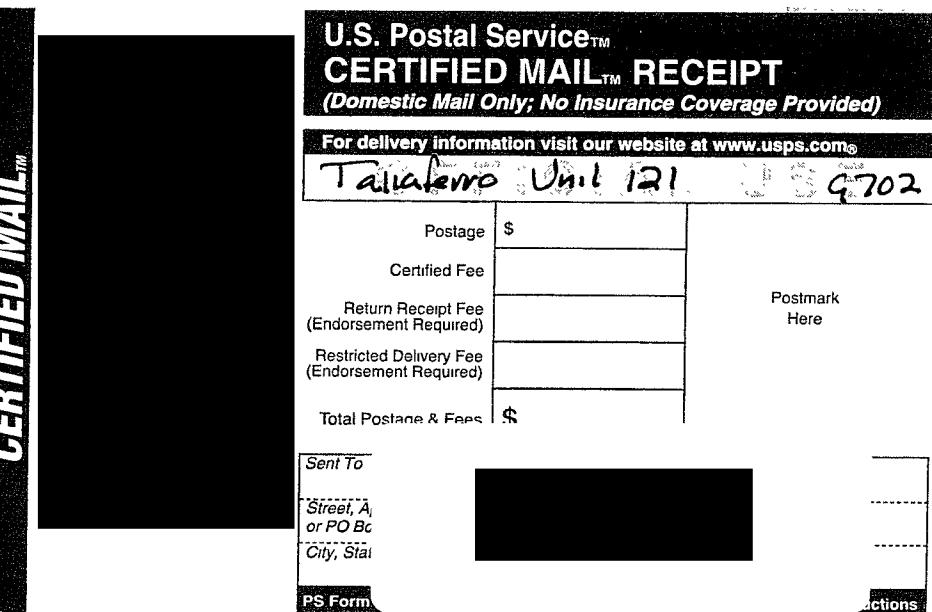
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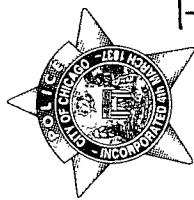
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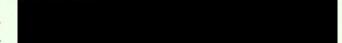
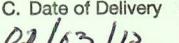
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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ORIGINAL CASE INCIDENT REPORT

3510 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653  
(For use by Chicago Police Department Personnel Only)  
CPD-11.388(6/03)-C

RD #: [REDACTED]

EVENT #: [REDACTED]

Case ID: [REDACTED]

**ASSIGNED TO SUMMARY**

INCIDENT	IUCR: 0460 - Battery - Simple	Beat: 2211	Unit Assigned: 2211R
	Occurrence Location: [REDACTED] 304 - Street	RO Arrival Date: 06 September 2010 02:25	# Offenders: 1
	Occurrence Date: 06 September 2010 02:18		

NON OFFENDER	VICTIM - Individual		Demographics
	Name: [REDACTED]	Res: Chicago IL	
	Beat: 3100	DOB: [REDACTED]	
	Beat: 5100	Age: 27 Years	
	Sobriety: Hbd		

INJURIES	Injury Info ( [REDACTED] - Victim )		
	Injured by offender	Injury Extent: Minor	Hospital: [REDACTED]
		Physician Name: DR. SALZMAN	
Type	<u>Weapon Used</u>	<u>Other Weapon Used</u>	
Bruised	Hand/Feet/Teeth/Etc.	Other - Hand/Feet	

SUSPECTS	Suspect # 1		Demographics
	Name: UNK, Unk	Beat: 3100	
	Unknown Chicago IL		
		Other: 779-875-6797	

RELATIONSHIP	RELATIONSHIP		
	(Victim) [REDACTED]	is a No Relationship of	( Offender ) UNK, Unk

## Chicago Police Department - Incident Report

RD #: [REDACTED]

OTHER

## Miscellaneous

Victim Information Provided

Flash Message Sent ? No

NARRATIVE

IN SUMMARY: A CITIZEN STATED TO R/O'S THAT VICTIM WALKED UP TO OFFENDER AND STRUCK OFFENDER FIRST. OFFENDER(S) THEN BEGAN STRIKING VICTIM ABOUT THE HEAD AND FACE. THREE OF OFFENDER FRIENDS BEGAN STRIKING VICTIM ABOUT THE HEAD AND FACE AND KNOCKING VICTIM TO THE GROUND. NO ONE KNOWS WHY THE FIGHT STARTED. OFFENDER(S) FLED THE SCENE. VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO [REDACTED] BY AMBULANCE #17. CFD FIRE ENGINE 92 WAS ALSO ON THE SCENE. BT. 2210R WAS ALSO ON THE SCENE VICTIM WAS IN STABLE CONDITION AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT. VICTIM COULD NOT SPEAK TO R/O'S DUE TO A TUBE BEING PLACED IN HIS THROAT AND BEING SEDATED FOR BEING COMBATTIVE. OFFENDER, WHO DID NOT GIVE HIS NAME CALLED 911 AND STATED HE WAS DEFENDING HIMSELF DURING THE ALTERCATION WITH [REDACTED] (VICTIM). OFFENDER NAME IS UNKNOWN, BUT A PHONE NUMBER WAS GIVEN AS [REDACTED]

PERSONNEL

	Star No	Emp No	Name	User	Date	Unit	Beat
Detective/Investigator	16499	[REDACTED]	SPAGNOLA, Paul, M	[REDACTED]	07 Sep 2010 07:42	620	
Detective/Investigator	21239	[REDACTED]	SPAGNOLA, Paul, M	[REDACTED]	07 Sep 2010 07:42	620	
Detective/Investigator	40072	[REDACTED]	SPAGNOLA, Paul, M	[REDACTED]	07 Sep 2010 07:42	620	
Reporting Officer	4498	[REDACTED]	COTTON, Linda	[REDACTED]	06 Sep 2010 04:00	166	2211R

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CASE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

3510 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653  
(For use by Chicago Police - Bureau of Investigative Services Personnel Only)

Case id :  
Sup ID :

**SUSPENDED**

**DETECTIVE SUP. APPROVAL COMPLETE**

Last Offense Classification/Re-Classification	IUCR Code	Original Offense Classification			IUCR Code
<b>BATTERY / Simple</b>	<b>0460</b>	<b>BATTERY / Simple</b>			<b>0460</b>
Address of Occurrence	Beat of Occur	No of Victims	No of Offenders	No of Arrested	SCR No
	<b>2211</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	
Location Type	Location Code	Secondary Location			Hate Crime?
<b>Street</b>	<b>304</b>				<b>NO</b>
Date of Occurrence	Unit Assigned	Date RO Arrived	Fire Related?	Gang Related?	Domestic Related?
<b>06-SEP-2010 02:18</b>	<b>2211R</b>	<b>06-SEP-2010 02:25</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>

Reporting Officer	Star No	Approving Supervisor	Star No	Primary Detective Assigned	Star No
SPAGNOLA, Paul	21239	KOREN, Timothy	1479	SPAGNOLA, Paul	21239
Date Submitted	Date Approved			Assignment Type	
05-NOV-2010 15:46	06-NOV-2010 09:47			<b>SUMMARY</b>	

**THIS IS A SUMMARY INVESTIGATION SUSPENDED REPORT**

**VICTIM(S) :**

**TYPE: Individual**

Male / White / 27 Years

**DOB:** [REDACTED]

**RES:** Unknown  
Chicago IL

**DESCRIPTION:** 5'08,170,Blond/Strawberry Hair, Short Hair Style, Unknown Eyes, Light Complexion

**SOBRIETY:** Hbd

**SUSPECT(S):**

**UNK, Unk**

Male / White / 18 - 23 Years

**RES:** Unknown  
Chicago IL

**DESCRIPTION:** 5'09,170,Unknown Hair, Unknown Hair Style, Unknown Eyes, Light Complexion

**OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

Other : 779-875-6797

**RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER:**

[REDACTED] No Relationship

**UNKNOWN, Unknown**

Male Years

**DESCRIPTION:** Brown Hair

**UNKNOWN, Unknown**

Male / White / 18 - 23 Years

**DESCRIPTION:** 5'09,200**VICTIM INJURIES**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Weapon Used</u>	<u>Weapon Description</u>
Bruised	Hand/Feet/Teeth/Etc.	Other - Hand/Feet

**EXTENT:** Minor

Injured by Offender

**HOSPITAL:** [REDACTED]**PHYSICIAN NAME:** Dr. Salzman**TRANSPORTED TO:**

[REDACTED] ( Victim )

Transported to [REDACTED]

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT:**[REDACTED]  
304 - Street**DATE & TIME OF INCIDENT:**

06-SEP-2010 02:18

**METHOD CODE(S):**

DNA

**CAU CODE(S):**

DNA

**PERSONNEL ASSIGNED:****Detective/Investigator**

SPAGNOLA, Paul M

**Reporting Officer**

COTTON, Linda

# 4498

BEAT: 2211R

**CRIME CODE SUMMARY:**

0460 - Battery - Simple

**IUCR ASSOCIATIONS:**0460 - Battery - Simple

UNK, Unk

[REDACTED] ( Suspect )

[REDACTED] ( Victim )

**REPORT DISTRIBUTIONS:**

No Distribution

**INVESTIGATION:**

THIS IS A SUSPENDED CASE REPORT

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## VII. CONDUCTING A SUMMARY INVESTIGATION

A. Some case reports received for assignment lack information for follow-up investigation. Experience has shown that a personal visit to the crime scene of such cases seldom leads to identification of new evidence that could aid in solving the crime. Nevertheless, the seriousness of the crime dictates some additional investigative attention. These cases are assigned to a detective for summary investigation.

**B. A detective assigned to summary investigations must keep in mind that among the objectives of his assignment is to show citizens that the Department cares about the crime and the victim. Thus, it is important that the victim be contacted in a timely manner, informed of the actual status of the investigation, and provided an explanation about why the crime is not being investigated by field personnel.**

C. A detective assigned a case for summary investigation will:

1. contact the victim by telephone within forty-eight hours after receiving the assignment;
2. if unable to contact by telephone within forty-eight hours, send a letter by U.S. mail that:
  - a. informs the victim that the case has been assigned for summary investigation;
  - b. provides the detective's name, phone number, and the hours and days when available.

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c. encourages the victim to contact the detective, if there is any additional information that could lead to the identification of the offender.

3. upon contacting the victim:

- a. verify all information contained in the original report;
- b. ascertain if any new information is available that could aid in the identification of the offender;
- c. give advice on procedures to follow to obtain a summons, if the offender is known and the offense is minor.

4. prepare a Supplementary Report recording all substantive information learned in the investigation. If the detective learns of no new information, the results of the investigation may be reported by filling in the boxes on the back of the original case report.

D. If the summary investigation uncovers additional information not reported on the original case report that could lead to the solution of the crime through further investigation by field personnel, the detective will:

1. record the additional information on a Supplementary Report;
2. submit the copy of the original case report and the Supplementary Report to the case management supervisor for reassignment to a field detective for follow-up.

005<sup>th</sup> District

14 March 2012

TO: Commander Patricia Walsh  
005<sup>th</sup> District

FROM: Officer Michael D. Clifton #9584  
005<sup>th</sup> District/ Area 2 Summons/Warrants

SUBJECT: COMPLAINT REGISTER # 1049702

This statement is not being given voluntarily, but under duress. I am only giving this statement at this time because I know I could lose my job if I refuse. This "TO/FROM" report should not be considered a verbatim statement but only a summary of requested information.

R/o was given this report by Sgt West concerning the above Complaint Register number.

Michael Clifton Star #9584, employee number [REDACTED], seniority date 16 June 1986, assigned to the 005<sup>th</sup> District, Area 2 Summons/Warrant office.

Allegation to be addressed:  
The complainant alleges that on 06 December 2010 at [REDACTED] (Warrant Office), he met R/o in the Area 2 Warrant Office and the accused officer failed to inform the complainant's court date regarding an incident recorded under RD# [REDACTED].

On 06 December 2010, were you working in the 005th district? If yes, explain in detail in what capacities and were you assigned and what were your responsibilities in that capacity?

Assigned to the 005<sup>th</sup> District, Area 2 Summons/Warrant office. Responsibilities are to assist citizens who come into the Summons/Warrant office who still wish to have a criminal matter brought into misdemeanor court before the Judge of Branch 35 by going forth with a criminal complaint after a Chicago police report was generated in their behalf as a victim of a crime. After obtaining all necessary information from the

Police report and victim, of the named offender, the home address and description of the alleged, put together a packet that will be reviewed by the attending Judge of Branch 35 for his/her approval or rejection.

At any time on 06 December 2010, did you speak to the complainant [REDACTED] regarding a warrant sworn out for the arrest of an offender recorded under RD # [REDACTED]? If yes, state in detail the basis of the conversation.

According to the Chicago Police report that was generated on the behalf of [REDACTED], the report was generated on 06 September 2010. The police officer that responded stated that the offender(s) was unknown with only a slight description. After reviewing the report with [REDACTED], R/o told him with the information that was supplied in the report R/o could not assist him for the lack of information. [REDACTED] went on to state that he did not know the individual(s) who struck him. [REDACTED] returned on 26 October 2010 and supplied R/o with a supplementary report naming [REDACTED] as an offender to his battery case report. A summons packet was prepared and presented to the attending Judge. According to R/o record sheet for 07-10 December 2010, [REDACTED] was mailed a court date for 17 December 2010 to appear in Branch 35. That mailing occurred on the 09 December 2010. (See summons/warrant approved listing information sheet attachment)

Did [REDACTED] call you on numerous occasions requesting to know his court date? If yes, state when the calls were made and the basis of your conversation.

R/o does not recall if he spoke with [REDACTED] on numerous occasions by way of the telephone due to the length of time that has elapsed from 06 December 2010 – 14 March 2012.

Were you at any time during November 2010 and January 2011, assigned as warrant officer in the 005th district?

Yes, outside of taking and having a 13B furlough, R/o was assigned as the Area 2 Summons/Warrant officer.

As warrant officer in the district, is it your responsibility to assist a person swearing out a warrant against a known offender of his court date? If no, state in detail your responsibilities in that regard. Also please provide any supporting documents in that regard.

It is not a warrant that a victim/person of a crime is applying for. It is called a summons. (See attachment 2, blank copy) It is the warrant/summons officer responsibility to assist a citizen of a misdemeanor crime that is non domestic and write the packet for the summons application and present it to the Judge of Branch 35 for approval or rejection. Only the Judge of Branch 35 will approve or reject. R/o has no decision in this process. If it is approved the victim would be mailed a letter telling them their summons was approved or rejected. It is the warrant/summons officer responsibility to prepare the letter and submit the letter and addressed envelope to the clerk of the court branch for mailing. Once it is submitted and approved it would then be mailed through the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court mailing system, R/o has fulfilled his responsibility.

At any time in November 2010 through January 2011, did you inform [REDACTED] as to how he can find out his court date regarding the warrant he had sworn out against the offender?

If the summons was approved by the Judge of Branch 35, a letter would be sent to him informing him of the court date. If it was rejected, he would have been informed of the rejection by letter. That is what was told to him by the undersigned.

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On 06 December 2010, did you fail to inform [REDACTED] as to his court date after he inquired of the date?

R/o does not recall at the present time of this report if he spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on 06 December 2010 and told him that his summons had not been approved by the Judge of Branch 35. If R/o did he would have been told he would receive a letter for court approval or rejection letter in the mail. Either letters would have been mailed to him at the address that [REDACTED] supplied to the undersigned. The undersigned has no control over the clerk's office of Branch 35 or the United States Mail.

P.O. Michael Clifton  
Officer Michael Clifton, #9584

Approved:

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## ATTACHMENT 1

WARRANT OFFICE

Sheet 1

## APPROVED LISTING

Date Summons Requested	Date Summons Approved	Victim's Name	Offender's Name	Type of Crime	Police Report Number	Date Accepting notification made.
20 OCT 10	07 DEC 10			ASSLT		6 NOV 10
21 OCT 10				ASSLT		
21 OCT 10				ASSLT		
22 OCT 10				TT		
22 OCT 10				TT		
25 OCT 10	07 DEC 10			CDTV		16 DEC 10
25 OCT 10	09 DEC 10			ASSLT		17 DEC 10
26 OCT 10				BAFF		
28 OCT 10				CDTV		
29 OCT 10				CDTV		
29 OCT 10				THEFT		
01 NOV 10	09 DEC 10			BAFF		17 DEC 10
02 NOV 10	10 DEC 10			THEFT		17 DEC 10
02 NOV 10				BAFF		
01 NOV 10				CDTV		
01 NOV 10				TT		
04 NOV 10				BAFF		
08 NOV 10	10 DEC 10			BAFF		17 DEC 10

# ATTACHMENT 2

Summons - Individual Corporation (Replaces CCMC 0232)

CCCR N232-35M-2/28/05 (43480658)

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

} No. \_\_\_\_\_

### SUMMONS

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS IN THE STATE - GREETING:

WE COMMAND THAT YOU SUMMON \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, an individual/a corporation

If s/he shall be found in the State of Illinois to be and appear before The Circuit Court of Cook County, at \_\_\_\_\_

727 E. 111th St. Chicago, IL 60628, at 9:00 a.m. sharp, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011,

to answer unto the People of the State of Illinois for and concerning the charge of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ filed in said Court, and have you then and there this writ

with the endorsement thereon, in what manner you shall have executed the same.

Issued in Cook County \_\_\_\_\_

Judge

Judge's No.

WITNESS: DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT

and the Seal thereof, at Chicago

14 MARCH \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

\_\_\_\_\_  
DOROTHY BROWN

Clerk

I executed this writ by serving the within named \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_

**BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section**

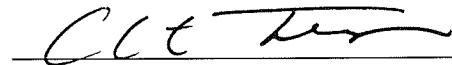
**26 March 2012  
Log #1049702**

TO: Commanding Officer  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section

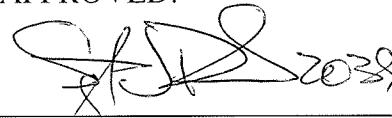
FROM: Police Officer Christopher TALIAFERRO #14979  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section

SUBJECT: Approval of Complaint Log Investigation, #1049702

The attached Complaint Log Investigation has been completed and is submitted for your approval.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
P. O. Christopher TALIAFERRO #14979  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section

APPROVED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Case Management Supervisor  
Investigations Division  
General Investigations Section

# SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

## CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

LOG NO  
1049702

TYPE

CR

DATE OF REPORT  
26-MAR-2012

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**TO:** DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS  
**ATTENTION:** CHIEF, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

FROM - INVESTIGATOR'S NAME	RANK	STAR NO	EMPLOYEE NO	UNIT ASSIGNED	UNIT DETAILED
TALIAFERRO, CHRISTOPH	9161	14979		121	

REFERENCE NOS.(LIST ALL RELATED C L , C B., I.R , INVENTORY NOS., ETC , PERTINENT OF THIS INVESTIGATION)

INCIDENT ADDRESS:	DATE / TIME:06-SEP-2010 00:09	BEAT: 2211
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### ACCUSED

NAME	RANK	STAR NO	EMP NO	UNIT ASSIGNED	UNIT DETAILED	SEX/RACE	DOB	APPOINTED DATE	ON DUTY ?	SWORN ?
COTTON, LINDA	9161	4498		022	166	F / BLK		19-JUN-1991	YES	YES
SPAGNOLA, PAUL M	9165			620		M / WHI		26-APR-1976	YES	YES
CLIFTON, MICHAEL D	9161	9584		005		M / BLK		16-JUN-1986	YES	YES

### REPORTING PARTY

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY STATE	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
				M / W	U / U

### VICTIMS

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY STATE	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
				M / W	/29

### WITNESSES

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY STATE	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
				M / W	U / U
				M / W	U / U
				F / W	U / U

\* IF CPD MEMBER, LIST RANK, STAR, EMPLOYEE NOS IN ADDRESS, PAX/BELL IN TELEPHONE BOX

# SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

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## ALLEGATIONS

NOTE: Complaint Log "Type" is classified CR - sworn affidavit on file

The complainant, [REDACTED], alleges that at on or about 06 September 2010, at approximately 0000 hrs, at [REDACTED] the accused officer Police Officer Linda COTTON #4498:

- (1) Failed to include witness information on a case report during the reporting of a battery committed against the complainant;
- (2) Failed to include witness information on a case report because of a witness' and offender's relationship with former and current police officers.

The complainant, [REDACTED] alleges that during an unknown time and location, but during the conduct of the investigation recorded under RD # [REDACTED], the accused officer, Detective Paul M. SPAGNOLA

- (3) Failed to investigate the battery committed against the complainant.

The complainant, [REDACTED], alleges that at on or about 06 December 2010, at an unknown time, at the 005th District, the accused officer Police Officer Michael D. CLIFTON #9584

- (4) Failed to inform the complainant of the complainant's court date regarding an incident recorded under RD # [REDACTED]

# SUMMARY

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

## ATTACHMENTS

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS - SUPPORTING ALLEGATIONS LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBER	INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS - SUPPORTING ACCUSED MEMBERS(S) LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBER:	PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBERS:	TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THIS FILE
6	6, 15, 17	0	17

## FINDINGS - RECOMMENDATIONS

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

DATE INITIATED  
(Date incident was received for investigation)

04-NOV-2011

DATE COMPLETED (Date of this report)

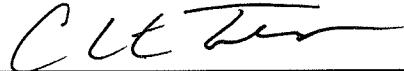
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ELAPSED TIME  
(Total time expressed in days)

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Investigator will initiate the Command Channel Review form by  
completing the Investigator's Section

INVESTIGATOR'S SIGNATURE



IF NECESSARY, USE AN 8 1/2 x 11" SHEET OF WHITE PAPER TO CONTINUE ANY ITEM.

**INVESTIGATION**

On 28 November 2011, the undersigned spoke with the complainant, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] regarding this investigation. After explaining the investigative procedure and the mandates of §1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned and [REDACTED] scheduled 21 December 2011, at 1600 hours, at which time [REDACTED], who is the legal representative for the victim [REDACTED], will appear at the Bureau of Internal Affairs to provide a statement and sign a sworn affidavit (Attachment #5).

On 21 December 2011, [REDACTED] and his attorney, Katie COTTER, appeared at the Bureau of Internal Affairs for [REDACTED] scheduled interview. [REDACTED] related that on 06 September 2011, he was at his neighbor's house in the backyard when an unknown offender entered the yard and began a verbal altercation with him and his companions, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] related that the unknown offender then left the yard and returned to a party being hosted by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] residence, which was a short distance from where [REDACTED] and his companions were. [REDACTED] further related that he then went to [REDACTED] residence to notify [REDACTED] that one of his attendees had come onto his neighbor's property and harassed [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] related that as he was speaking to [REDACTED], three or four individuals began verbally assaulting him again, but then walked away and proceeded to walk down the alley. [REDACTED] related that he followed the three to four individuals to see where they were going while [REDACTED] remained behind. [REDACTED] related that he was subsequently attacked by the three to four individuals and was knocked unconscious. [REDACTED] next memory was being placed on a gurney and being attended by paramedics. [REDACTED] related that he did not know what actions [REDACTED] took during the physical assault, but was informed by [REDACTED] that the responding officer, Police Officer Linda COTTON #4498, told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to get the fuck out of here or go to jail. [REDACTED] related that he did not know why [REDACTED] were not put on the police report as a witness, but believed that they were not included as witnesses because [REDACTED] father was a retired Chicago police officer. [REDACTED] further stated that he did not know if [REDACTED] even witnessed the battery.

[REDACTED] further related that he contacted Detective Paul SPAGNOLA #21239 regarding the battery and was informed by Detective SPAGNOLA that they did not investigate simple batteries and that if [REDACTED] wanted to take the case any further [REDACTED] would have to go to Area Two to file a warrant for the arrest of the offenders.

[REDACTED] then related that he proceeded to file a warrant with Officer CLIFTON and was informed by Officer CLIFTON that the warrant would take six to eight weeks before [REDACTED] would be notified of the court date. [REDACTED] related that he contacted Officer CLIFTON on several occasions and was specifically told on 23 November 2010, that there was no new information on the warrant. [REDACTED] related that on 06 December 2010, he was informed of the same thing. [REDACTED] related that in early January 2011, he returned to Area Two and was informed that his court date was on December 9, 2010, and that because he had missed the court date, the charges were dismissed.

[REDACTED] further reported that he was informed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that one of the individuals involved in his attack had a father that was a police

officer. [REDACTED] related that he did not have information as to how I could contact either witness but would provide me the information by 23 December 2011. [REDACTED] also related that he does not have any specific evidence or information that would substantiate his claim that [REDACTED] were not added as witnesses because [REDACTED] father was a police officer (Attachment #6).

During the interview, [REDACTED] stated that there were witnesses to the incident which necessitated his filing his complaint. [REDACTED] stated that he would provide contact information for the following individuals, which would assist the undersigned in the conduct of this investigation:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED]
- d. [REDACTED]

The undersigned requested that [REDACTED] telephonically provide the aforementioned contact information by 23 December 2011. As of this reporting date, [REDACTED] has refused and/or failed to provide the undersigned with the requested contact information. Furthermore, [REDACTED] failed to relate how [REDACTED] is associated with this incident as a witness and therefore, the undersigned has deleted [REDACTED] as a witness.

On 25 January 2012, the undersigned mailed certified letters to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] requesting that they contact the undersigned regarding this investigation (Attachments #8 and #9).

The undersigned received Domestic Return Receipts from the certified letters indicating that both, [REDACTED] were in receipt of the letters (Attachments #11 and #12).

As of this reporting date neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] have contacted the undersigned.

[REDACTED] alleges that on 06 September 2010, the accused officer failed to list witnesses in a police report that was generated as a result of a battery committed against [REDACTED]. However, [REDACTED] specifically stated in his interview that he was alone when he followed the individuals that subsequently attacked him. [REDACTED] further related that [REDACTED] remained at their previous location between the houses. [REDACTED] related that he did not know what actions [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took during the physical assault and that he was rendered unconscious during the attack. [REDACTED] further stated that he did not know if [REDACTED] even witnessed the battery. [REDACTED] did not provide the undersigned with any physical evidence to substantiate his claim that the accused failed to list [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] as witnesses on the police report and further failed to contact the undersigned with information on how the witnesses can be contacted. In fact, [REDACTED] statement

supports a finding that [REDACTED] were not present during the battery committed against [REDACTED]. As such, the undersigned has determined that the actions of the accused officer, P.O. COTTON, were proper in that because the alleged witnesses were not present, they clearly should not have been included as witnesses to the battery. The undersigned has further determined that there does not exist a need to request a To/From Report or formal statement from P.O. COTTON.

[REDACTED] further alleges that he believes that [REDACTED] were not included on the case report because [REDACTED] and/or one of the individuals that attacked him had relatives that were police officers. When asked by the undersigned to substantiate his belief [REDACTED] related that he does not have a belief. Furthermore, [REDACTED] refused to provide any further information to support his allegation and failed to provide information on how possible witnesses may be contacted. As such, the undersigned has determined that there does not exist a need to request a To/From Report or formal statement from P.O. COTTON.

[REDACTED] alleges that the accused officer, Det. SPAGNOLA, failed to investigate the battery committed against [REDACTED]. The undersigned reviewed the Case Supplementary Report recorded under RD # [REDACTED] (Attachment #14). The Report indicates that this matter was assigned to Det. SPAGNOLA as a summary investigation and therefore was not investigated by field personnel. As such, and in accordance to Detective Division Special Order 97-07, when conducting a summary investigation, Det. SPAGNOLA is required to inform the victim, in the present case [REDACTED], on procedures to obtain a summons and complete a Case Supplementary Report (Attachment #15). The undersigned has determined that Det. SPAGNOLA acted properly under Detective Division Special Order 97-07. The undersigned has further determined that there does not exist a need to request a To/From Report or formal statement from Det. SPAGNOLA.

The undersigned received a To/From Report from the accused officer, Police Officer Michael D. CLIFTON #9584, assigned to the 005<sup>th</sup> District, in the Area 2 Summons/Warrant office. P.O. CLIFTON reported that he informed [REDACTED] that because of a lack of information as to whom the offender was that committed the battery against [REDACTED], P.O. CLIFTON was unable to assist [REDACTED]. P.O. CLIFTON further reported that on 26 October 2010, [REDACTED] returned and supplied P.O. CLIFTON with the name of Brendan SULLIVAN as an offender to his battery case report. As such, P.O. CLIFTON prepared a summons packet and presented it to the attending judge. P.O. CLIFTON further reported that according to his record sheet for 07-10 December 2010, [REDACTED] was mailed a court date for 17 December 2010 and that the mailing specifically occurred on 09 December 2010. P.O. CLIFTON could not recall if [REDACTED] called on numerous occasions regarding the court date. P.O. CLIFTON further reported that as warrant/summons officer, it is his responsibility to assist a citizen by preparing a packet to be presented to a judge for review. Once reviewed by the judge and if the warrant/summons is approved, then it is the responsibility of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County to mail the court date to the victim, using the victim's information obtained from the warrant/summons packet (Attachment #17).

The undersigned conducted an inquiry as to the duty status of Detective Paul M. SPAGNOLA and learned from Police Officer John CHIVE #3703, of Operations command that Detective SPAGNOLA retired from the Chicago Police Department on 15 April 2011, prior to the initiation of this complaint.

Based upon the allegations as presented by [REDACTED], the failure of [REDACTED] to contact the undersigned to provide the undersigned with further information regarding witness information, the failure of [REDACTED] witness to contact the undersigned and the lack of objective evidence to substantiate [REDACTED] allegation, this investigation is closed pursuant to the findings listed below.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Accused Officer: Police Officer Linda COTTON #4498, assigned to the 022<sup>nd</sup> District**

Allegation #1: Exonerated

Allegation #2: Unfounded

Recommendations: No disciplinary action warranted

### **Accused Officer: Detective Paul M. SPAGNOLA, Retired**

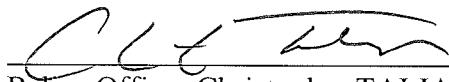
Allegation #3: Exonerated

Recommendations: No disciplinary action warranted

### **Accused Officer: Police Officer Michael D. CLIFTON #9584, assigned to the 005<sup>th</sup> District**

Allegation #4: Exonerated

Recommendations: No disciplinary action warranted



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Police Officer Christopher TALIAFERRO #14979  
Bureau of Internal Affairs  
General Investigations Section

## Attachments

No.	Type	No. of Pages	Narrative
1	FACE SHEET		
2	CONFLICT CERTIFICATION		
3	SWORN AFFIDAVIT FROM COMPLAINANT	1	
4	ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	2	Certified Letter
5	TELEPHONE CONTACT	1	
6	COMPLAINANT STATEMENT	10	
7	ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	1	
8	ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	1	Certified Letter [REDACTED]
9	ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	1	Certified Letter [REDACTED]
10	ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	1	Certified Mail Receipt [REDACTED]
11	ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	1	Certified Mail/Domestic Return Receipts
12	ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	1	Certified Mail/domestic Return Receipts [REDACTED]
13	GENERAL OFFENSE CASE REPORT	2	
14	DETECTIVE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT	2	
15	DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE OR GENERAL ORDER	2	Special Order 97-7
16	ACCUSED NOTIFICATION OF ALLEGATIONS FOR CLIFTON, MICHAEL		
17	ACCUSED REPORT	6	P O. CLIFTON